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## INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

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TO: Don Johnson, Town Manager

FROM: Doug Halley, Health Director

SUBJECT: Yankee Village

The Wastewater Advisory Committee met on July 14th with the Trustees of Yankee Village regarding their interest in connecting to the sewer system. Yankee Village recently suffered the loss of their on-site Treatment Plant due to a catastrophic fire. They are now examining the option of rebuilding or connecting to the Town's sewer system.

The Committee reviewed their priority list and the excess capacity available at the Town's Treatment Plant. Their priority list includes the southern portion of West Acton Center, the Gates and Douglas Schools, the Tuttle/Flint subdivisions and the Powdermill Plaza. Based on the current need of Yankee Village and consistent with the goals of the Committee to provide wastewater solutions to West Acton Village and Powdermill Plaza, the Committee unanimously recommended that the Board of Selectmen include Yankee Village in the sewer service area.

The Committee also further recommended that the Selectmen work with Yankee Village to find creative ways to finance the sewer privilege fee so that time payments can be accessed rather than an up front payment of the sewer privilege fee. The Committee and Yankee Village would appreciate it if this could be placed on the Selectmen's upcoming agenda on Monday. Please advise me on how to proceed.

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the ability to grant loans is not a policy decision.  
Rather, it is a matter of law. Do we have enough time  
for the Home Rule Petition process?